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TECH NEWS



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WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1911

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Tech Lost on Errors

Couldn't Hit Lefty Kean Either

Coach Sharrott says there is lots of work ahead for the Tech team. It was evident that they were not in trim Friday at the Academy. 8-0 looks bad for a beginning.

Last year's lineup was in the infield with the exceptions of Waite on third base and Ruitter at short-stop. Both of these men worked hard, but there is a big hole where Sanderson and Gaul dropped out. And, too, there seemed Friday to be a hole at second. Jack Sharrott says he has a few words of advice for some on batting and fielding and also on base running.

The first inning was one for warming up, so there was no scoring. But in the second inning the Academy had evidently warmed up and Tech had not. Mullen for the Prep School hit along the ground to Franzen. The latter errored and Mullen took his first. Crane then tried a sacrifice and made good, while Mullen went around to third. Hunter then fanned and Stewart hit to Ruitter, who threw him out at first. The next man, Shea, then started the fun for the Academy and hit out a single to right field. Kean then touched up Nims for another single into left field and the Academy cheerers were tooting some, but Rice was put out at first by an assist from Nims.

In the first of the third inning Tech came nearest scoring. McKenney hit to short-stop, but Rice fumbled. Mac stole second. Nims then fanned, but Halligan hit to Rice again. Rice errored a second time, so Mac went to third and Halligan went to second. It looked good for Tech. Norton then hit to third. McKenney tried to score, but was caught out at home. Glover fanned and it put a stop to any chance of a run.

Again in the fourth inning Tech had a good chance. Franzen, the first man up, hit a pretty two-bagger into left field. It was easy money for him, but he got a little anxious over the drive and cut the base line at first and did not touch the base. This is not allowable according to rules and he could not fool the Academy boys, so was touched out. Brown then hit straight up in the air and the sphere dropped into Shea's mit. Waite was put out on an assist from Rice.

The fourth, fifth, and first of the sixth were the one, two, three order for the pitchers.

In the last of the sixth the Academy touched up "Sam" Nims for a few more hits. Mullen found the safe part of the field. He hit out a liner into right field. Here it is poor ground to field in and Mullen took three bases. Crane fanned and Hunter singled to centre field, where Halligan fumbled, letting the Academy boy take third. Stewart then slammed one to Franzen, who picked it up nicely, but was undecided whether to throw home or to first. Finally he thought

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Inter-class Games

To-morrow's Meet Promises to be a Hummer

What promises to be the fastest meet at Tech for many a year will be run off to-morrow afternoon at the old Worcester Oval. The interest which has been aroused in track athletics this spring is a thing which has never been equaled in all the history of that branch of athletics at Tech.

The number of entries, which at present totals fifty-two, is the largest number by far which ever entered a Tech class meet. The sophomores have broken all records and have entered twenty-three men. The juniors are next with thirteen, the freshmen eleven, and the seniors with six. The "dopesters" are unanimous in choosing the sophs as the winners, for they ought to win from the number which they have entered, and they have at least one man in every event. It looks as though the juniors and freshmen will have a close fight for second honors, although the upper-classes have the longer experience in their favor.

Manager Hartwell has chosen for officials men who are fully competent to run off the meet in top-notch form, for the majority of them are Tech men and are well versed in Tech activities. Those selected are: Referee: A. D. Butterfield '93; clerk of course, R. D. Whitmore '09; starter, C. J. O'Connor; assistant clerks, A. L. Atherton '11, and F. A. Simmons '13; track judges, R. I. Slocomb, J. A. Bulard and G. H. Slocomb '12; timers, W. I. Randall '11, C. E. Gillette '11, and C. R. Weidenmiller '11; field judges, J. R. McConnell, A. A. Nims '08, and R. E. S. Pope '10; announcer, P. C. Kneil '11; measurers, H. R. Winter '11, and E. P. Peterson '11; and scorer, C. T. Leigh '11.

The meet will start promptly at 2 o'clock, when Coach O'Connor will fire the gun for the first heat of the hundred yard dash. From that minute to the last event of the day there will be continuous excitement, the kind which no Tech man can afford to miss. It isn't too late now to ask her to go, and if you are wise you'll ask her mother and the rest of the family.

It was intended at first that the order of events used in the N. E. I. A. A. be followed, but it was found inconvenient for many, so that a special order has been arranged by Manager Hartwell and Captain Dint Halligan. The events will be run off as follows: 100 yard dash (heats); 120 yard high hurdles (heats); 100 yard dash (finals); one mile run; 120 yard high hurdles (finals); 440 yard dash; 220 yard low hurdles (heats); 880 yard run; two mile run; 220 yard low hurdles (finals); 220 yard dash (heats and finals).

At the same time the field events will be run off in this order: 16-pound shot-put; high jumps; 16-pound hammer-throw;

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 19.

Patriots' Day, a holiday.
Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Hand-Book Committee, 8.30 a.m., Y. M. C. A. room.
Tech Show rehearsal, 9 a.m.
Baseball practice, 9 a.m., Alumni Field.
Baseball game at the Academy, 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 20.

Aero Club meeting, 5 p.m., Boynton Hall, room 19.
Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

FRIDAY, April 21.

Meeting of C. E. Society, 8 p.m., E. E. lecture-room. Mr. H. C. Poore '07 speaks on "The Present Day Problem of Bituminous Roads." Refreshments!

SATURDAY, April 22.

Tech Show rehearsal, 1 p.m., Boynton Hall.
Interclass meet, 2 p.m., Worcester Oval.

MONDAY, April 24.

Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.
Orchestra rehearsal, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

TUESDAY, April 25.

Physics Colloquium, 4.30 p.m., physics lecture-room. Mr. Nims will speak on "Theoretical and Experimental Study of Vibration Galvanometer."
Orchestra rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.
Mandolin Club rehearsal, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

EVERY DAY.

Track team practice, 4.45 p.m., cinder track.
Baseball practice, 4.30 p.m., Alumni Field.



At the last meeting of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the speaker of the evening was Prof. Arthur F. Nesbit, professor of physics in the New Hampshire State College, Durham, N. H. The subject of Professor Nesbit's address was the "Induction Motor." By way of introduction he explained the production of a rotating magnetic field, upon which the operation of the induction motor depends. A discussion of various factors effecting the design was next presented, together with some of the practical difficulties and the methods of overcoming them. The lecture was well illustrated with lantern slides and was attended by a representative audience.

FRATERNITY NOTES

A week from last Thursday evening Professor Conant talked interestingly on "Habits," at the Kappa Xi Alpha house. Although he handled the subject from the psychological aspect, he recounted many interesting incidents of his boyhood days.

THESIS WORK

Among the theses this year in electrical department, there is one being carried out by R. W. Goddard, "A Wind-mill Electric Lighting Plant." This is a purely research problem that is being tried in Illinois, from which some of the apparatus that Mr. Goddard is using has been obtained. A Brock & Wheeler generator will be used. The main part of the tower is already on the Electric Lab. roof, and in a short time it will be run to make the necessary tests.

In the mechanical department many of the theses are being conducted at the works at Chaffins and Greendale. Those at Chaffins are the following: "Effect of Draft Tube Setting on Water;" "Wheel Efficiency," by Landon and Leigh; "Investigation of Venturi Meter," by Twiss and Hamilton; "Test of Pelton Water-wheel," by Read and Shaw; "Effect of a Spiral Casing on a Water Turbine," by Chlassen and Reid; "Experiments in Current Meter Rating," by Randall and Stowell; "Test of Aeroplane Propellers," by Patch and Payette. Of those at Greendale there are the following: "Effect of Carbon Contents on Abrasive Grinding Carbon Steels," by Gillett and Brigham; "Cost of Machine Operation," by Crooker and Chace.

Kennedy and Wolcott are also taking thesis at the Worcester cold storage plant.

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CLARENCE P. SHEDD IS SECURED AS GENERAL SECRETARY AT THE INSTITUTE

The Advisory Committee of the Student
Christian Association of the Institute an-
nounces the appointment of Clarence
Prouty Shedd as General Secretary of the
student association on Tech Hill.

Nearly a year ago this committee, com-
posed of alumni and faculty members, was
called into being because of the need of
some such officer to give adequate atten-
tion to the social and religious problems
which have increased with the rapid
growth of the student body at the Insti-
tute the past half dozen years.

The Advisory Committee found upon
investigation that 167 American colleges
have employed secretaries and consider
the investment a paying one. The matter
was then put up to the alumni and the
response was most cordial. The following
letter is typical of the spirit of a large
number of the replies sent in to the com-
mittee:

"My deep personal interest goes with
this contribution, as I was a charter mem-
ber and officer of the Y. M. C. A. at Tech.
I shall feel much better in sending my son
to Worcester, as I hope to in two years, if
there is some definite work existing for the
students' religious, moral and social
nature. I think you should be able to get
the strong support and co-operation of the
trustees in this work."

The machinery of the State and inter-
national committees was employed in
searching for a suitable man to inaugurate
this important undertaking, and visits
were made to several colleges and univer-
sities looking up candidates and their
records. More than a score of men were
investigated, but were passed up for one
reason or another until Mr. Shedd was
located. He was given a unanimous call,
and the committee is gratified to receive
his acceptance.

Mr. Shedd comes to Worcester from
New Bedford, where he has been Assistant
and Educational Secretary in the New



Bedford Y. M. C. A. since his graduation
from Clark College in 1909. He is a native
of Worcester, and was educated in its
schools. He graduated from the English
High School in 1905, and after one year of
post-graduate study there he entered
Clark College.

Mr. Shedd has done considerable trav-
eling, having crossed the continent more
than once, and is unusually broad-minded
and enthusiastic. It will devolve upon
him to develop the social life at the Insti-
tute as well as the religious, and to culti-
vate that mysterious quality or quantity
familiarily known to the alumni as "Tech
spirit."

Plans are under way already for a big
celebration on "Tech Night," on the Hill,
May 1, when Mr. Shedd takes up his new
duties. Prominent alumni and officials

of the Institute will co-operate, and the
occasion promises to be the event of the
year.

The Advisory Committee is composed
of Edward F. Miner '87 of Worcester,
chairman; Winthrop G. Hall '02 of Wor-
cester, secretary-treasurer; F. O. Whitney
'71 of Boston; Paul B. Morgan '90 of Wor-
cester; Prof. Z. W. Coombs of Worcester;
Prof. A. D. Butterfield '93 of Worcester;
A. D. Flinn '93 of New York; A. C. Vinal
'99 of New York; E. C. Morse '05 of Bos-
ton.

AERO

The Tech glider now staying in the
Delta Tau barn is about ready for busi-
ness. If the weather permits a few trial
flights will be made the early part of this
week and some actual flying is to be done
Patriots' Day. The other colleges want
the aviation meet postponed till May 22-
25, but Tech objects, as it is examination
week. The day and other details will be
announced later when fully decided upon.

Leave of absence has been granted by
the Board of Trustees of the Worcester
Polytechnic Institute to Professor Harold
B. Smith for a period of two years, begin-
ning July 1, 1911. Professor Smith will
devote this time to travel and study,
which will strengthen his work of instruc-
tion upon his return to the Institute in
September, 1913. The members of the
present freshman class at the Institute
will thus benefit from his opportunities
and experience in the courses of their
senior year.

About one year will be spent in travel,
which will include southern Spain,
northern African states, Egypt, Syria,
Turkey, India, Burmah, Java, China,
the Philippines, Japan, Siberia, Russia,
Norway, Sweden, etc. The second year
will be spent in special resident study at
Berlin and Zurich, and in the investigation
of as many European educational and
engineering institutions as possible.

This leave of absence follows fifteen
consecutive years of active work on the
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INTER-CLASS GAMES

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pole-vault; discus-throw and running board jumps.

Remember! Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp. Tickets purchased on the Hill will be twenty-five cents, while those sold at the Oval will cost thirty-five. Tickets may be obtained from men on the squad or from the manager.

He stood before a cold grave-stone,
I thought his mind was on the dead.
But soon he raised his eyes to mine—
"That's feldspar there," he said.

Record.

"Pa."

"Yes, Willie."

"Pa, how is it that my hair has grown longer than yours when yours has grown longer than mine?"—*Boston Transcript*.

"Ignorance is bliss." No wonder so many people look happy.

TECH NOTES

Among the recent visitors at the Institute who were graduates in the mechanical engineering course are Eli Pickwick, Jr., '89, who is now director of manual training of public schools, Newark, N. J., and Arthur C. Merrill '09, instructor in mechanical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania.

John Barnard '13 has been appointed assistant manager of the football team for the coming season.

Prof. A. S. Richey of the electrical engineering department will be away from the Institute a few days this week attending a meeting of the Committee on Education of the American Electric Railway Association.

Mr. John Jernberg, instructor in forge practice, visited last week with his classes the works of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company and the Morgan Spring Co. Mr. John Higgins '96 met the class at the Pressed Steel Company.

R. C. Williams '07 was a visitor at the Institute last week. Mr. Williams is manager of the Cincinnati Envelope Co. Division of the United States Envelope Co.

Prof. W. C. Sweetser, assistant professor of machine design at the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, spent the day recently at the Institute shops, accompanied by the shop foreman at the Case School, Mr. Larke. They confined their entire time at the Institute to a study of the course in machine manufacturing, cost study and shop management, as given in the course in mechanical engineering. This work as carried out at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute is an entire department, nothing of the kind being attempted in a practical way at any other engineering school or college. For this reason many educators from other parts of the country are greatly interested in its working out and in the methods by which the work is carried forward.

Mr. A. M. Works, instructor in French and German, has received an appointment in the department of German, High School of Commerce, New York City, but has not yet accepted the position.

Among the recent additions to the equipment of the general laboratory of the electrical engineering department is a 3-h.p., 110-volt, series motor, of the inter-pole type, made by the General Electric Co.

Miss Emily Haynes, librarian of the Institute, has recently compiled and had printed a list of the periodicals in the libraries of the Institute. These number 157, the majority being in the General Library in Boynton Hall. Many, however, are kept on file in the five department libraries, and the recently printed list will show at a glance where each periodical may be found.

Prof. H. B. Smith, director of the electrical engineering department, expects to attend the meeting of the New York Alumni Association on April 25.

New York University has a loan fund of \$18,000 from which students who need it may obtain assistance. A promissory note is given by the student, payable two years after graduation. Good idea!

University credits will be given to Bible study at the University of Texas next year.

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NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

The engineers of the University of Minnesota are constructing an elevated railroad three miles long, to be used for experimental purposes.

Harvard has established a college course in printing. The course includes lectures on the history of the book-binders' art, in addition to the practical work.

A course in which geometry is applied to football and cutglass has been talked of in the University of Chicago. It has been decided that the students must be made to take an interest in their work.

The sophomores at Rensselaer, according to an old custom, cremated "King Calculus" to show their joy in finishing that subject. A band and four hundred fellows marched about Troy with "Cale's remains."

Fourteen of the sixty-nine students sent this year by the Chinese government to the universities of America entered Michigan.

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sin are forming an organization called the "Anti-Co-ed Club," the object being the discouragement of fussing. Perhaps a better name would be the "Tight-wad Club."

Kentucky State University has established a course in heating and ventilating open to engineering students.

A student at Utah was recently arrested for attempting to injure himself and locked up as an insane man. It developed later that he was only going through initiation stunts.

Lehigh dropped only thirty-five men last mid-years. Thirty-six others were placed on probation.

It is estimated that the Johns Hopkins year book, "The Hullabaloo," will cost \$1200.

Harvard's baseball team made a tour of the South during the Easter recess.

Nearly 1000 students at the University of Illinois are earning their way through college, either in part or wholly.

One hundred and seventy-five students at the University of Wisconsin are taking journalism.

The proceeds from the senior play at the University of California are to be used for charity.

The senior play given last year at Minnesota has been purchased by a Chicago theatrical company, which is to put it on the road.

Carnegie Tech has a brand new college song that bids fair to be a winner.

The seniors at M. A. College appeared last week, for the first time, in caps and gowns.

TECH LOST ON ERRORS

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home was the place for it, but it was too late for McKenney to get Hunter. Shea then struck out and "Sam" caught Stewart napping at second, which ended the sixth period.

The eighth also proved fatal for Tech. Mullen and Kean both drove out pretty singles, and errors on the part of Ruiter and Franzen let in three more scores.

Score:

	ab.	r.	lb.	tb.	po.	a.	e.
Halligan, cf.,	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Norton, lf.,	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
Glover, rf.,	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franzen, 2b.,	4	0	0	0	2	0	4
Brown, lb.,	3	0	0	0	6	0	0
Waite, 3b.,	3	0	1	1	2	1	1
Ruiter, ss.,	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
McKenney, c.,	3	0	0	0	10	5	0
Nims, p.,	3	0	0	0	0	6	0
Kennedy, rf.,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total, 29 0 1 1 24 11 8

ACADEMY

	ab.	r.	lb.	tb.	po.	a.	e.
Rice, ss.,	4	0	1	1	0	4	2
Calnan, 2b.,	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Brittingham, 3b.,	4	0	1	1	0	3	0
Mullen, lb.,	3	3	2	4	13	0	1
Crane, rf.,	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Cantwell, rf.,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter, lf.,	4	1	1	1	0	1	0
Stewart, cf.,	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
Shea, c.,	4	1	1	1	13	1	0
Kean, p.,	4	1	2	2	0	6	0

Total, 33 8 9 11 27 17 3

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